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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT AUGUST 28 AND 29 MEETINGS, SENIOR POLADS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MBFR CONFERENCE. BELGIAN REP CIRCULATED QUESTIONS POSED BY AUSTRIAN MFA ON ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATIONS (TEXT BELOW). U.S. REP DREW ON STATE 164631 ON QUESTIONS OF FINANCING AND TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION SERVICES. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED U.S. SUGGESTION ON NOMENCLATURE. COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT BELGIUM ARRANGE TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRIANS AND POLES TO DEVELOP A DETAILED PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATING STATES ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ARRANGEMENTS. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID THAT BELGIAN
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RESPONSE TO RECENT AUSTRIAN NOTE VERBALE TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA ON ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF MBFR WOULD BE "YES, NO, YES" TO THREE AUSTRIAN QUESTIONS (SEE PARA 4 BELOW). FRG REP (RANTZAU) THOUGHT THAT AUSTRIA SHOULD COVER COSTS OF

SECRETARIAT AND CERTAIN OTHER COSTS. COMMENTS BY OTHERS INDICATED THAT AUSTRIAN NOTE WAS SUBJECT TO VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS AND THAT CSCE PATTERN MIGHT NOT PROVIDE AN IDEAL MODEL FOR MBFR COST-SHARING. RANTZAU, HOWEVER, SAID THAT BONN DID FIND CSCE COST-SHARING FORMULA A GOOD STARTING POINT. IF MBFR PARTICIPANTS APPLY A 1.33 MULTIPLICATION FACTOR TO THEIR CSCE SHARE, THIS WOULD PROVIDE AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION BASED ON CSCE ARRANGEMENT. (FOR EXAMPLE, SINCE FRG (AND U.S.) SHARE OF CSCE EXPENSES IS 8.8 PER CENT, IT WOULD BE 11.7 PER CENT OF MBFR EXPENSES.) COMMENT: REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER THIS FRG SUGGESTION WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO WASHINGTON. END COMMENT.

2. RANTZAU ALSO WITHDREW EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES SET UP A SEPARATE WESTERN TRANSLATORS POOL. TO AVOID REPETITION OF UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSLATORS IN MPT, FRG ASKED FOR REACTIONS TO IDEA THAT COMMON POOL SHOULD BE ON AN "EUAL PERCENTAGE" BASIS AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS. COMMITTEE REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION WAS UNENTHUSIASTIC.

3. CANADIAN REP (MARSHALL) SUGGESTED THAT BELGIUM (REPRESENTING NATO PARTICIPANTS) GET TOGETHER WITH POLAD (REPRESENTING WARSAW PACT PARTICIPANTS) AND AUSTRIA TO BRING GREATER CLARITY TO PROBLEMS RELATING TO CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS AND COST-SHARING. PRODUCT OF THESE TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE A CLEAR SET OF PROPOSALS TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS. WILLOT REPLIED THAT BELGIUM WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO CONTACT AUSTRIAN AND POLISH AUTHORITIES TO DO THIS.

4. NOMENCLATURE. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED U.S. PROPOSAL ON NOMENCLATURE (STATE 163390), I.E. THAT "MBFR" WOULD BE THE PROPER TERM FOR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND THE VIENNA COMMUNIQUE FORMULA WOULD BE USED VIS-A-VIS THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND NEUTRALS. AS FAR AS STATIONERY, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, ETC. ARE CONCERNED, EACH DELEGATION CAN USE ITS OWN DISCRETION.

5. FULL TEXT OF AUSTRIAN NOTE VERBALE (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
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PROVIDED BY GERMAN DELEGATION) FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

IN THE COURSE OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS DECIDED TO START NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMS AS WELL AS RELATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE ON 30 OCTOBER 1973. AS I WAS ABLE TO INFORM YOU PERSONALLY ON 12 JUNE 1973, THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATED ITS AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE PLANNED NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA.

FOLLOWING A REQUEST BY THE BELGIAN EMBASSY, VERBAL

NOTE NO. 317 P 15-95/465 DATED 29 JANUARY 1973, THE
FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOOK CERTAIN MATERIAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES FOR THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS.
THE EXTENT OF THESE MEASURES WAS LAID DOWN IN THE VERBAL
NOTE OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZI 31.540-6A
(POL)73 DATED 29 JANUARY 1973. THE COSTS OF THESE MEASURES
WERE COMPLETELY BORNE BY THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
DURING THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING DATE FIXED FOR THE START
OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE NECESSITY TO SET UP THE APPARATUS
REQUIRED FOR THE CONFERENCE IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AND

SPACE I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU COULD COMMENT ON
THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPATING
NATIONS WHOSE INTEREST YOU REPRESENT:-

A) ARE REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AND SPACE FOR
THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN ON 30 OCTOBER 1973 TO BE
CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO THE SAME OR TO A DIFFERENT
EXTENT AS THEY WERE ENVISAGED FOR THE PREPARATORY
CONSULTATIONS IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED VERBAL NOTES?

B) WILL THE MEASURES REQUIRED ACCORDING TO THE REQUESTS
OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS BE TAKEN BY THE PARTICIPATING
NATIONS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, IF NECESSARY BY A CONFERENCE
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C) ARE THE ARRANGEMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY ACCORDING
TO THE REQUESTS OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS TO BE MADE
BY THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES? IN THIS CASE THE COSTS
ARISING WOULD BE PAID PRELIMINARILY BY THE AUSTRIAN
AUTHORITIES - IN A SIMILAR WAY AS ENVISAGED IN THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME HAVE YOUR COMMENTS
AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

(SIGNED) DR. F.C. ZANETTI

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